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OF MICROBIAL CONTAMINATION OF POULTRY AND MEAT
PRODUCTS AMMONIUM COMPOUNDS

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.56**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicants in order to comply with applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of the first Official Action.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The cited references are, in the opinion of the undersigned attorney, the most pertinent prior art of which the undersigned attorney or applicants have knowledge.

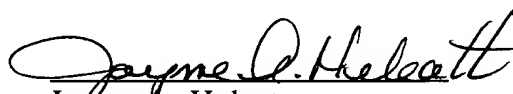
The Breen *et al.* Abstract is a copy of an abstract submitted to the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for presentation at a scientific and technical conference entitled "New technology to Improve Food Safety" held on April 12-13, 1995 in Chicago, Illinois.

The Food Safety Consortium Annual meeting is a private meeting attended by invitation only of the researchers from the University of Arkansas, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Arkansas Children's Hospital, Iowa State University, and Kansas State University. The attached progress reports of Slavik *et al.* and Lattin *et al.* was handed out to attendees at this meeting.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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